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## Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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### New Monument Unit Begins Tours

**Tulelake, CA** – The first on-site summer tours of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Tule Lake Unit began on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in Newell, CA. On December 5, 2008 President Bush designated the former Tule Lake Segregation Center and Camp Tulelake (former CCC Camp, Prisoner of War and Japanese American confinement sites) as one of nine areas included with the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

The tours were given as part of the US Fish & Wildlife Service's Migratory Bird Festival. The tours of the Camp Tulelake site included history presentations by National Park Service staff of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Japanese American Segregation and confinement, as well as the use of the site as a German and Italian prisoner war camp. The camp, which is one of two sites for the new unit, is an on-going preservation project for the Klamath Basin Wildlife Refuge Association and the tours were arranged to promote the new monument as well as to recruit volunteers for the on-going preservation efforts.

The Tule Lake Unit's temporary Visitor Center will open its doors Friday, May 22 at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds in Tulelake, CA. Site tours will be given as requested through the summer. The contact number for the Tule Lake Unit of the new monument is 530-260-0537.



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